

Silvopasture

- *Farms in the Appalachian Region are a mosaic of pasture and wooded sites.*
- *Silvopasture, or forages grazed as understory crops, helps diversify income, and improves land-use efficiency on small farms with limited land area.*
- *Tree canopies influence the quantity and quality of light reaching the understory and affect forage production and composition.*
- *Selective tree removal improves:*
 - *the amount and quality of light reaching the sward,*
 - *forage productivity and nutritive value,*
 - *productivity of remaining trees.*
- *Livestock can help prepare the seedbed, and establish and manage the forage sward.*

